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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace any prior version or listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1 (currently amended). A device for preparing ends of pipes for joining said pipes to one another end to end, said device comprising:

a body having a first receptacle therein sized to receive the end of one of said pipes; and

a first marking tool mounted on said body, said first marking tool having a first contact surface positioned so as to engage said pipe upon insertion of said pipe within said first receptacle, said first contact surface being adapted to create a witness mark on said pipe upon rotation of said body and said pipe relatively to one another;

a second receptacle positioned within said body, said second receptacle being sized to receive the end of one of said pipes; and

a second marking tool mounted on said body, said second marking tool having a second contact surface positioned so as to engage said pipe upon insertion of said pipe within said second receptacle, said second contact surface being adapted to create a witness mark on said pipe upon rotation of said body and said pipe relatively to one another.

2 (original). A device according to Claim 1, wherein said first marking tool comprises a scoring tool adapted to create a circumferential groove around said pipe.

3 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 1, wherein said first marking tool is mounted on said body such that said first contact surface projects into said first receptacle.

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4 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 1, further comprising a ~~second~~ third marking tool mounted on said body, said ~~second~~ third marking tool being offset from said first marking tool in a direction lengthwise along said pipe, said ~~second~~ third marking tool having a ~~second~~ third contact surface positioned so as to engage said pipe upon insertion of said pipe within said first receptacle, said ~~second~~ third marking tool being adapted to create a ~~second~~ witness mark on said pipe upon rotation of said body and said pipe relatively to one another.

5 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 4, wherein said first and ~~second~~ third marking tools are mounted on said body such that said first and ~~second~~ third contact surfaces project into said first receptacle.

6 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 4, wherein said first and ~~second~~ third marking tools each comprise first and second scoring tools adapted to create first and second circumferential grooves around said pipe.

7 (original). A device according to Claim 2, wherein said scoring tool comprises a ball having a greater hardness than said pipe, said ball having a surface comprising said first contact surface.

8 (original). A device according to Claim 7, further comprising a biasing member positioned between said ball and said body, said biasing member biasing said ball into engagement with said pipe.

Claim 9 (canceled).

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10 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 9 1, wherein said first and second receptacles are substantially coaxially aligned.

11 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 9 1, wherein said first receptacle is sized to receive one of said pipes having a first diameter and said second receptacle is sized to receive another of said pipes having a second diameter different from said first diameter.

12 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 1, further comprising a cutting blade mounted on said body, said cutting blade having a cutting edge extending into said first receptacle and positioned to engage the end of said pipe received within said first receptacle, said cutting edge being oriented relatively to said pipe so as to create a chamfer on the end thereof upon rotation of said body and said pipe relatively to one another.

13 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 1, further comprising an elongated shaft mounted on said body, said shaft being oriented substantially coaxially with said first receptacle, said body being rotatable upon rotation of said shaft.

14 (original). A device according to Claim 13, where said shaft has a polygonal cross-sectional shape.

15 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 13, wherein said shaft extends outwardly from said first receptacle.

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16 (currently amended). A device for preparing ends of pipes for joining said pipes to one another end to end, said device comprising:

a body having a first receptacle therein sized to receive the end of one of said pipes;

a first tool mounted on said body and positioned so as to engage said pipe upon insertion of said pipe within said first receptacle; and

a second receptacle positioned within said body, said second receptacle being sized to receive the end of one of said pipes;

a second tool mounted on said body and positioned so as to engage said pipe upon insertion of said pipe within said second receptacle; and

an elongated shaft mounted on said body, said shaft being oriented substantially coaxially with one of said receptacles, said body being rotatable relatively to said pipe upon rotation of said shaft.

17 (original). A device according to Claim 16, where said shaft has a polygonal cross-sectional shape.

18 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 16, wherein said shaft extends outwardly from one of said receptacles.

19 (original). A device according to Claim 16, wherein said first tool comprises a marking tool mounted on said body, said marking tool having a contact surface engageable with said pipe and adapted to create a witness mark on said pipe upon rotation of said body and said pipe relatively to one another.

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20 (original). A device according to Claim 19, wherein said marking tool comprises a scoring tool adapted to create a circumferential groove around said pipe.

21 (original). A device according to Claim 20, wherein said scoring tool comprises a ball having a greater hardness than said pipe, said ball having a surface comprising said first contact surface.

22 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 16, wherein said first tool comprises a cutting blade mounted on said body, said cutting blade having a cutting edge extending into said first receptacle and positioned to engage the end of said pipe received therein, said cutting edge being oriented relatively to said pipe so as to create a chamfer on the end thereof upon rotation of said body and said pipe relatively to one another.

Claim 23 (canceled).

24 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 23 16, wherein said first and second receptacles are substantially coaxially aligned.

25 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 23 16, wherein said first receptacle is sized to receive one of said pipes having a first diameter and said second receptacle is sized to receive one of said pipes having a second diameter different from said first diameter.

26 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 23 16, wherein said second tool comprises a scoring tool mounted on said body, said scoring tool having a contact surface creating a circumferential groove around said pipe received

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within said second receptacle upon rotation of said body and said pipe relatively to one another.

27 (currently amended). A device according to Claim 23 16, wherein said second tool comprises a cutting blade mounted on said body, said cutting blade having a cutting edge extending into said second receptacle and positioned to engage the end of said pipe received therein, said cutting edge being oriented relatively to said pipe so as to create a chamfer on the end thereof upon rotation of said body and said pipe relatively to one another.

28 (original). A device according to Claim 24, wherein said shaft extends substantially coaxially through both said first and said second receptacles.

Claims 29-33 (canceled).